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REMARKS

Though not conceding to the Examiner's position Applicant has amended certain claims to better clarify Applicant's present invention.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10, 16-18, 25-27, 29, 31, and 33-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as not having antecedent basis for 'said lifting sling body', and failure to define 'the sling body'.

In response, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8-10, 25, 29, and 34-36 to clarify Applicant's present invention. In view of Applicant's clarification and amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner remove the rejection(s).

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates the claims 25 and 29 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under U.S.C. § 112 and that claims 7-10, 26-27, 31, 35-36, and 38 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under U.S.C. § 112 and includes all the limitations of any intervene claims.

Applicant has rewritten dependent claim 7 as currently amended independent claim 1. Correspondingly, Applicant has canceled dependent claim 7. Applicant submits in view of Applicant's amendments, that independent claims 1, 25, and 29 and the dependent claims that depend therefrom are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of all claims 1-6, 8-10, 16-18, 25-27, 29, 31 and 33-38 listed above. Applicant submits that in view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance and requests early notification to this effect.

Respectfully Submitted,


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